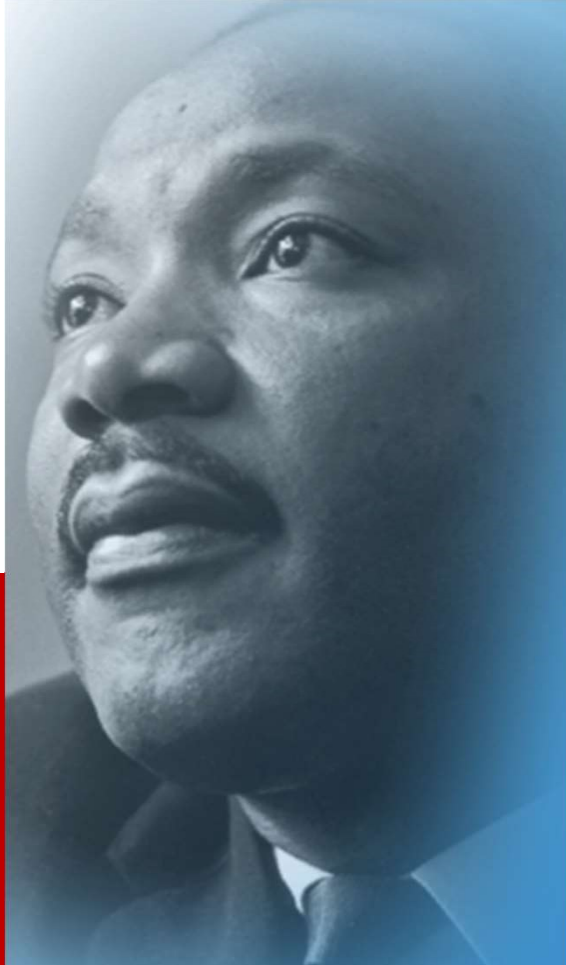
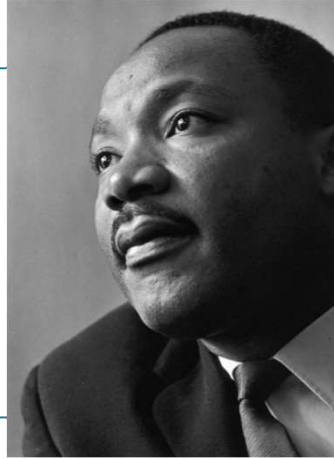
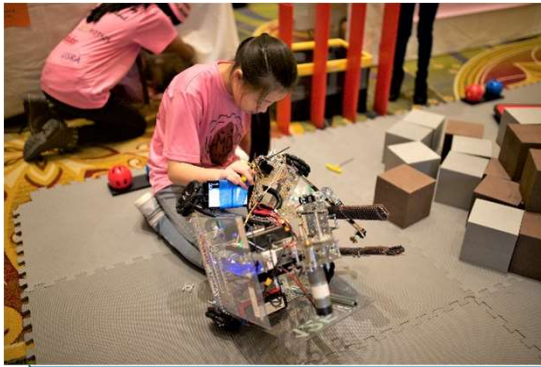


Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service 2018 Final Report



“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter”

- Martin Luther King Jr.



The Montgomery County Volunteer Center (MCVC) hosted its annual, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. The 2018 service event engaged the largest group of volunteers around the county than ever before. This year showcased a wide variety of service projects, a mix of new and crowd favorites including making fleece blankets, crafting well wishes cards, and packaging food boxes. Attendees had the opportunity to learn about causes and initiatives across the county and how to stay connected with and support the community at large.

The Bethesda North Marriott Conference Center attracted over **3,500 attendees**. The event included **34 volunteer fair exhibits and 46 organization-led service projects**. In addition, there were several hands-on activities including building functional robots, conflict resolution role play, and making volunteer pledge pins.

This year MCVC introduced its newest initiative, the 50+ Volunteer Network. Volunteers ages 50 and over attending the event were able to learn more about the program and its mission to effectively match agencies needing specific assistance with skilled volunteers ages 50+ seeking purposeful opportunities.

The Volunteer Center also promoted activities across the county including events at the Silver Spring Civic Building hosted by the Montgomery County (MD) Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Seneca Creek Community Church in Gaithersburg.

The two satellite sites hosted a variety of service projects benefitting the community:

- Silver Spring Civic Building
695 attendees*
25 projects
58 Event staff
* 746 pre-registered (153 non-registered + 542 registered)
- Seneca Creek Community Church
661 attendees
21 projects

In addition to its onsite food packaging project at the Marriott, MANNA conducted food drives at approximately 30 Giant Food stores across Montgomery County during the holiday weekend. Volunteers collected **22,142 pounds of food** to feed the hungry with **93.8%** of the **volunteer slots filled**.

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) invited all 205 schools urging participation in its inaugural Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Week of Service: "How Will Your School Dream?" Three (3) schools: Gaithersburg High School, Martin Luther King Middle School, and Kennedy High School were awarded \$1,500 grants from Youth Service America towards their day of service held January 12th. Students made cards of encouragement and attached them to hats for local elementary students, made sandwiches for local shelters, compiled care bags for first responders, made cards for seniors, pencil cases for foster students, comfort cases for kids in need, and donated goods and money to local non-profits. Student government leaders participated in the Marriott event making cards for cancer patients. This event is one we look forward to growing each year.



Montgomery Parks conducted a number of projects across the weekend to beautify the County including:

15 Park and Stream Cleanups 526 Volunteers 1,062 Hours

5 Weed Warrior Workdays 81 Volunteers 172 Hours

Locust Grove Nature Center in Bethesda

Projects:

- Stream Cleanup – 7 bags of trash
- Invasive Weed Pull
- Animal Care

Number of Hours: 4

Volunteers: 75

Total Hours: 300

Brookside Nature Center in Wheaton

Projects:

- Wood chipping
- Cleaning the Nature Center

Number of hours: 33

Volunteers: 11



Project Outcomes

The Montgomery County Volunteer Center's 2018 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service engaged **5,462** participants who served **11,444** hours in over **144** different service projects throughout the County. Service projects ranged from feeding the homeless and seniors, recognizing our military and police enforcement, providing encouragement for the sick, spreading cultural awareness, caring for displaced animals, and so much more to support the residents of the County.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY CELEBRATES **MLK** Day of Service

Monday | January 15, 2018 | 1pm - 3pm

Service Projects & Volunteer Fair

Bethesda North Marriott
Conference Center
5701 Marinelli Road
Rockville, MD 20852



BETHESDA NORTH MARRIOTT & CONFERENCE CENTER

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North Bethesda

Agency and Service Project	# Items Completed
67 Blankets for Nelson Mandela Day Knit & Crotchet Patriotic Squares for Veteran Blankets	47 Blanket Squares
AKA Sorority, Inc. Theta Omega Omega Chapter Create Valentine's Cards for Seniors	135 Cards
AKA Sorority, Inc. Xi Sigma Omega Chapter Create Be Happy Don't Worry Dolls for the Children's Center	126 Dolls
AKA Sorority, Inc. Xi Sigma Omega Chapter* Knot-less Fleece Blankets	Multiple Blankets
American Childhood Cancer Association Create Gold Awareness Ribbons for Childhood Cancer	1,200 Ribbons
Bank of America, N.A. Create Paracord Bracelets for Operation Gratitude	250 Paracord Bracelets
Bethesda Big Train Decorate Inspirational Foam Fingers for Patients at the Children's Inn	150 Foam Fingers
Charles E. Smith Life Communities Craft Project to Cheer Up Patients	100 Decorated Tissue Boxes & 25 Tissue Paper Flowers
Children of Persia * Well Wish Cards for Seniors	Multiple Cards
CNSI Stuff Supply Bags for the Homeless	136 Bags
Community Ministries of Rockville (CMR) Decorate Uplifting Certificate Holders for Volunteers	72 Decorated Boxes

BETHESDA NORTH MARRIOTT CONFERENCE CENTER

North Bethesda

Agency and Service Project	# Items Completed
Girl Scout Troop 31009 Create Care Packages for Breast Cancer Patients	70 Care Packages
Girls on the Run of Montgomery County Create Inspirational Lap Counters for GOTR	800 Lap Counters
Hero Dogs, Inc. Create Retrieving Ropes to Train Service Dogs	120 Fetching ropes
Islamic Community Center of Potomac (ICCP) Assemble Winter Weather Kits for Homeless Population	100 Winter Weather Kits
JCA Interages Center Decorate Bookmarks for Literacy Awareness	250 Colored Bookmarks
KindWorks Create Tie-knot Scarf Blankets and Fleece Bunnies	28 Scarves, 9 Fleece bunnies
Lifeline Horse Rescue and Rehabilitation, Inc. Crafts for Recycling Awareness & Valentine's Day Cards for Military	68 Valentine's cards, 60 Cat toys
Manna Food Center Food Packaging	768 Diabetic Boxes
MCPS Student Government (MCR/MCJC) Well Wishes for Sarcoma Patients	400 Cards
Meal on Wheels of Montgomery County & Montgomery County Senior Nutrition Center Pack Snow Day Boxes for the Homebound	490 Boxes
Meals on Wheels of Montgomery County Decorate Cheer Bags	602 Bags
Menare Foundation, Inc. MLK Day Coloring Activity	Take home project
Menare Foundation, Inc. Assemble Awareness and Education Packets	1,000 Stuffed Bags, 2,000 Labels

BETHESDA NORTH MARRIOTT CONFERENCE CENTER

North Bethesda

Agency and Service Project	# Items Completed
Montgomery College Spirit of Service Network Puzzle Making for Children-Serving Organizations	35 Puzzles
Montgomery County Commission on Children and Youth Mental Health Self Care Bags for Health Support Orgs	150 Care Bags, 150 Charm Necklaces
Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection Division of Solid Waste Services Create Bottle Cap Bugs/Well Wishes Cards for Children's Inn at NIH	300 Cards
Montgomery County French Immersion Students Fleece Tug Toys for the Montgomery County Animal Services	100 Dog Tug Toys
Montgomery County Muslim Foundation Create Colorful Rubber Band Balls for the Children's Inn at NIH	Multiple Rubber Band Balls
Montgomery County Volunteer Center Bottle Vases for the Cancer Center	120 Vases
Montgomery County Volunteer Center Create Paper Flowers for Cancer Center	231 Flowers
Montgomery County Volunteer Center Write Appreciation Letters to Veterans for Operation Gratitude	132 Letters
Montgomery Hospice No-Sew Fleece Blankets and Scarves for Patients	156 Scarves / 129 Blankets
Only Make Believe Create Costumes for Kids in Hospitals	98 Costumes for Kids

BETHESDA NORTH MARRIOTT CONFERENCE CENTER North Bethesda

Agency and Service Project	# Items Completed
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. Tri Sigma Alumni Chapter* Hygiene Kit for the Homeless	Multiple kits packed
People Helping People Foundation (PHP) Bundle Diabetic Socks for Veterans at VA Hospital	300 Socks and T-shirts
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Stress Balls for EveryMind	370 Stress Balls
Small Things Matter Monster Stuffies for Children's National Medical Center	200 Monster Stuffies
Southern Management Corporation Create Mini Notes to Support Our Veterans	51 Notes to Veterans, 100 Notes for Seniors
Southern Management Corporation Veteran Keychains for Operation Second Chance	130 Keychains
The Children's Inn at NIH Thoughtful Treasures Workshop	Multiple packages compiled
The Holiday Project Create Valentine's Day Cards for Seniors	193 Cards
Warm Up America! Crotchet Squares for Blankets	45 Crochet squares, 3 Blankets
Young Women of Society, Inc. Design Visors for the Children's Inn at NIH	62 Visors
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Delta Zeta Zeta Chapter Create Bracelets for March of Dimes & March of Babies Walk	205 Friendship Bracelets
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Eta Pi Zeta Chapter Create hand warmers for Seniors	351 hand warmers

BETHESDA NORTH MARRIOTT CONFERENCE CENTER

Favorite moment of the day

“Hearing a personal story about the impact of a service organization.
THANKS for an awesome event!”

- MLK Attendee



Favorite moment of the day

“Watching parents discuss the legacy of
MLK with the youths; encouraging
them about the importance of
community service.”

- People Helping People Foundation



Favorite moment of the day

“Seeing the joy in so many kids eyes
as they crafted for those in need.”

- Small Things Matter



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Favorite moment of the day

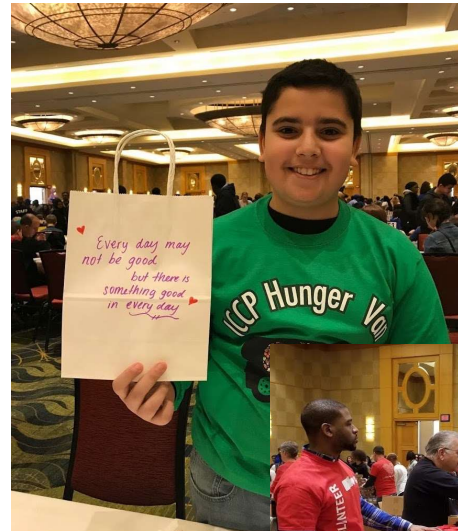
“Watching all of the people young and old work together. Everyone was so happy and eager to serve.”

- Volunteer

Favorite moment of the day

“Seeing all the kids participate in helping create foam fingers. Their faces when finishing their project and handing them over to me was always heart warming.”

- Bethesda Big Train



Favorite moment of the day

“It was wonderful to see so many parents volunteering with their children.”

- Family Services, Inc.

SENECA CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Gaithersburg

Agency and Service Project	# Items Completed
Animal Shelter Toys	487
Banner for Fire/Rescue	4
Bookcases	12
Cards for Troops	250
Crafts for Kids	350
Fair Girls Cards of Encouragement	88
Fair Girls Kits	82
Meals for Homeless - Lunch	200
Meals for Homeless Breakfast	200
Move In Kits	33
Mugs of Love	100
No Sew Blankets	53
Paracord Bracelets	130

SENECA CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH

Gaithersburg

Agency and Service Project	# Items Completed
Placemats for Children's Inn	167
Police Appreciation Bags	400
Sweet Treats of Cheer	258
Superhero Capes	50
Toiletry Kits for Shelters	774
Unity Photo Project	225
Valentine Party Favors for Seniors	42
Spring Flower Pot Pens	60

SENECA CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH

Gaithersburg



SILVER SPRING CIVIC BUILDING

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Silver Spring

Agency and Service Project	# Items Completed
AAHP Health Information	General Public
Auzsa Cuddle Bags	50
Beaded Bracelets	50
Bottle Bricking	68
Care Baskets For Men	50
Drops for Tots	32
Formation Conference	General Public
Gift Baskets and Cards for Nursing Home	100
"Happy Birthday" Cards	137
Inspirational Lap Counters & Safety Pin Bundles	8,640 bundles / 1,000 lap
Lap Blankets for Seniors	30
Letter to the Troops	150
Lunch Bags for Shelter	187
No Sew Blankets	150

SILVER SPRING CIVIC BUILDING

Silver Spring

Agency and Service Project	# Items Completed
Paracord Bracelets for the Troops	226
Rebelle Pacs	55
School Supplies Bags	250
Senior Go-Bags	50
Snack Bags for Women Shelter	600
T-S-T: Teens, Seniors, and Technology	24
Teenage Girl Care Kits	100
"Thank You" Photo Cards for Seniors	54
Toys for Our 4 Legged Friends	9 stuffie mates, 177 pull toys
Valentine Day Cards for Veterans	400
Voter Registration and Election Information	52 contacts

SILVER SPRING CIVIC BUILDING

Silver Spring

Favorite moment of the day

“Interacting with other volunteers and seeing my 5 year old excited about service.”

- Attendee



Favorite moment of the day

“Meeting new people who have a passion for volunteering and doing good in our city.”

- Attendee



Favorite moment of the day

“ The kindness. The smiles, The music, The support. Thank you”

- Attendee

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